ELEVEN CREMATED. Family of Ten and a Visitor Burned in

Their Beds-Spectators Found It Impossible to Save the

at Hurontown. A family named Gross,

carelessness of the parents, who are alleged to have returned home intoxicated from the

COLD WAVE COMING.

A Forious Blinzard in Reported From the

Northwest-Merry Sleigh Bells at

St. Puul-A Gale on

the Lakes.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.

CHICAGO, December 29 .- The first cold

wave of the winter is reported from all parts

of the West and Northwest. In Dakota,

Visconsin, Minnesota and Michigan a fu-

rious blissard raged all day to-day, piling the snow to great heights on the railroad tracks and delaying trains. In Illinois and

Iowa the cold wave came upon the heels of a thunder storm, the temperature dropping at some points 30° in three hours. The storm

in Chicago was accompanied by rain. The wind blew a hurricane all night, destroying signs and chimneys, and snapping hun-dreds of trees in the parks, and a heavy sea boomed on this shore all day, but it is not

asisting of the parents and eight children,

RULES OR NO RULES

Speaker Reed Will Go on With

the Work of Congress,

PLAN OF THE MAJORITY

President Harrison Shoots a Hog in Mis-

take for a Deer.

HE WILL BAT IT ON NEW TEAR'S DAY

The Republicans in the House of Repre-

work before them without adopting any

rules. Speaker Reed expects such a line of

action. A close friend of his says so. A

long and bitter factional fight is predicted.

The President shot a bog by mistake for

PERCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

liean Congressman from New England, who

is on close terms of friendship with Speaker

Reed, is authority for the statement that it

is the well understood plan of the Republi-

cans in the house to proceed with the work

of the session without adopting any rules at

all. The House is at present doing

business under general parliamentary prac-

tice, and it is said that this method

will be continued indefinitely in order to

avoid the struggle that would surely follow

an atcempt to amend the rules of the last

House. It is also believed here that

Speaker Reed has determined to force the

enactment of a Federal election law in spite

THE REPUBLICAN PLAN.

The Republicans fear that it will be very

prevent the passage of the election law and

the adoption of new rules if they determine

to do so and are given the slightest headway

at the start. The Republican plan, there-

fore, will be to cause the arrest of Demo-

erats in order to make them vote when a

quorum is needed, and by ignoring them as

completely as possible when a party meas-

have been told that the Democrats will rebel at such treatment, and that the Southern

men especially will not submit, even if they

are obliged to break down all parliamentary

law and custom in order to make themselves

READY POR THE PRAY.

that the Democrats will bitterly fight any attempt to torce the election bill and other

publicans know that a high tariff bill

and a strong election law are the only

things that will save them from utter de-

feat at the next election, and while they

the North until they are compelled to, they

are perfectly willing to solidify themselves

A MOST BITTER FIGHT.

in the North on such an issue.

legislation will be enacted.

business will have any show at all.

mistake for some other animal. Many in-

quiries into the matter have been made,

but with little success in getting at the facts. The first statement was that Mr. Harrison

mistook the hog for a coon, but one of the distinguished gentlemen who accompanied

the Presidental party has leaked to his

friends that the bog was a large and fat one,

where coons always are before they are ready

to be shot at. The gentleman is positive in

ity where Mr. Wooten's hog was slaughtered to make a Presidental holiday,

it is feared that this explanation of the

in the nature of solid food is the only thing

More Money for the Military,

ama will not restore the President's rep-

The Republicans say that they are aware

Mr. Reed and his fellow Republicans

ure is before the House.

easy for the large Democratic minority to

of the opposition of the Democrats.

WASHINGTON, December 20 .- A Repub

more noble and legitimate game.

sentatives are prepared to go on with the

A LITTLE TOO REAL.

ber of His Company.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

A MOTHER'S ANXIETY.

She Does Not Know Whether She Has

Recovered Her Missing Son or

Not-The Neighbors Aise

GREENSBURG, December 29 .- A my

erious case is reported from Irwin. Ten

sonths ago an 18-year-old son of William

dmitted that he resembled him greatly

in Centre County.

ALTOONA, December 29.-Just across the

line between Centre and Clearfield counties,

and located in the former, is porbably the

fifteen miles distant. The outer surface is

cates an architecture belonging to some race

running southward is a series of stone pil-lars, evidently used as alters in some for-

They are small stone pyramids, facing

every possible approach to the ruins, and were evidently intended as defensive ram-parts, behind which the builders might find

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Hon. Sherman S. Rogers Thinks That the

Prospects Are Very Bright.

S. Rogers, local member of the committee of

five appointed recently by the National

Civil Service Reform League to examine

into the management of the Federal civil

AN ASSASSIN'S SCHEME.

He Turns Off the Gas to Lare His Victim

NEW YORK, December 29 .- Early this

morning the gas in the sleeping room of

Frederick W. Stedlieder was extinguished.

and Stedifeder went down to the cellar to

find out the cause. He saw a man there,

who fired a shot at him. The bullet

BUFFALO, December 29 .- Hon. She

shelter and protection.

Fail to Agree.

look at the Present Time.

Any Quarter.

MORE HELP NEEDED.

President Gompers said to-day, that he

believed that they would need to increase their clerical force after January 1. "We'li

their clerical force after January 1. "We'll need probably another man," he added, "when the money begins to come in from the different organizations paying the 2 cents per member assessment determined upon by our recent convention in Beaten, to maintain any of our members whom it may be necessary to order out on strike, after May 1, to get the eight-hour work-day into working shape."

Mr. Gempers explained: "So far I have not heard a discordant note as to the want of wisdom in the organization's demand. For years I have been collecting sentiments and opinions of public men, speakers, politicisms and preachers, and they all seem to agree upon the wisdom of our demand. Our I'r. ecutive Connell have done all that was possible to sound public opinion, and so far all the objections they have discovered have been the result of past prejudices and a desire not to change the existing condition of things.

HANCOCK, MICH., December 29.—A calemity not surpassed in the annals of the country occurred at 5 o'clock this morning PERSONAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPAYOR. BUFFALO, December 29 .- Exile John J. McBride has received from the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew his autograph to an address to the Hon. William E. Gladstone, testifying to the sympathy of PLAN OF THE MAJORITY

To Force the Minority to Always

Maintain a Quorum.

SEATS TO BE FILLED BY ARRESTS.

Consisting of the parents and eight children, with a visitor, were consumed in a burning dwelling. The elder Gross and wife returned from a dance near by at 2 o'clock. At 2:20 a son, Theodore, Jr., returned from the Huron stamp mills, where he was employed. He went into the bouse and to bed. Shortly after he was awakened by his brother Nicholas, who heard screams coming from an adjoining room, occupied by their three sisters and three little brothers.

They ran to the parents and eight children, with a visitor, were consumed in a burning dwelling. The clare Gross and wife returned from a tance near by at 2 o'clock. At 2:20 a son, Theodore, Jr., returned from the Huron stamp mills, where he was employed. He went into the bouse and to be discovered by the parents and eight children, with a visitor, were consumed in a burning dwelling. The elder Gross and wife returned from a tance near by at 2 o'clock. At 2:20 a son, Theodore, Jr., returned from the Huron stamp mills, where he was employed. He went into the bouse and to be discovered by the parents and eight children, with a visitor, were consumed in a burning dwelling. The elder Gross and wife returned from a tance near by at 2:20 a son, Theodore, Jr., returned from the Huron stamp mills, where he was employed. He went into the bouse and to be discovered by the parents and eight children, with a visitor, were consumed in a burning dwelling. the American people for Mr. Gladatone's efforts in behalf of home rule in Ireland. the Congressmen, many Senators and several Catholic prelates, including Cardinal Gib-bons. President Harrison has also signed

it. Mr. Depew writes:

Mr. Gladstope holds a place in the veneration and affection of the American people never occupied by any other foreigner except Lafayette. His attitude upon the Irish question receives the almost unanimous approval of the citizens of the United States. The example of Mr. Gladstone's half centary of eminent public service is the pride of all English-speaking nations. His successful effects for the liberty and weifare of mankind are contributions to the peace and presperity of the people of the world which have given him a permanent and conspicuous place in the history of the century.

Chatracter M. Dirfew.

Senator Invalla wrote as follows: Senator Ingalls wrote as follows:

Gladstone is of those great men who, with the peaceful weapons of truth and justice, has revolutionized the age in which he lives. JOHN INGALLS.

A NEGRO EXODUS.

INTECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

A chance for the negra. A land which he will one day own and govern. Get away from oppression and go where you will be free. To colored workingmen: In the States of Mississippi, Arkaness and Louisiana there are thousands of acres of rich lands still unoccupied. There you can secure homes chean, and make a living with but little work. But better still, our race is now in the majority in many sections of those States, and the time is coming when we will outnumber the whites there So to 1. Then we will drive them out and take possession of their property. The colored race will in a few years own and govern those States. Even now we are getting ready to throw off the yoke of our oppressurs, and the great day of perfect freedom for the negro is near at hand. Leave this locality, where you are mistreated and denied your civil rights by the whites. Go away from communities where men of your race are living and shot like dors, by white men, and go where you will soon become one of the owners and rulers of the land. A chance for the negro. A land which he

thought that any vessels were caught in the gale. One of the incidents of the storm in this city was the blowing awar of nearly every newspaper left on the door steps. Warmer weather is reported from the points where the present storm originated. where the present storm originated.

A telegram from St. Paul says: Winter weather is reported as having set in generally throughout the Northwest. Heavy snow has fallen over a wide area, and trains will undoubtedly be delayed at many points. The general snow fall which reached the These circulars bear no signature, and it ers for southern plantations and passengers for the railroads, but many ignorant negroes believe every word of it, and are leaving as fast as they can get money enough to chase tickets.

West. He has spent a large part of his

SNAPS FOR THE LEADERS. United Labor Agitators Who Bave Dropped

Into Eusy John.

PETECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, December 29 .- Another of

John McMackin's friends has been put into

public office. John Kearney, who was

made engineer at the Postoffice, was sum-marily dismissed the other day and the col-

ored chieftain of the defunct United Labor

party in the Eleventh District, Frank Fer-

Quinn, of 49, has got the place that was

promised him. He is a clerk under United

States Internal Revenue Collector Michael Kerwin. The list of labor agitators in this

city who have dropped into nice places is not so large as has been supposed.

A QUESTION TO BE SETTLED.

Difference in Cost of Beef on the Hoof

Senate committees arrived here to-night and put up at the Hoffman House. One of the

committees has been appointed to look into

our trade with Canada, and it will give a

hearing to certain parties. The other will

examine witnesses regarding the exportation

and consumption of beef. The committees

FAILURE OF A CARPET FIRM.

A Difference of \$30,000 Herween the Assets

and Linbilities.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29,-Alex-

ander Beck & Son, carpet manufacturers,

of this city, made an assignment yesterday,

for the benefit of their creditors to Charles

A. Furbush, of M. A. Furbush & Co., woolen goods manufacturers.

The assignees estimate the liabilities at \$130,000 and the assets at barely \$100,000.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 29.— There are no new developmenta in the Barn-well lyaching. The town is quiet to-night, and there are no lears of negro trouble.

and the Table.

NEW YORK, December 29 .- Two spe

Workman James Excelsion

The general snow fall which reached the twin cities early yesterday evening had strengthened to a gale of the blinzardy persuation later, and raged furiously until morning. Lane sleepers were awake od by the sounds of sleigh belin and all day long both cities were a gala appearance, clothed in glistening white under a cloudless sky.

A dispatch from San Antonio, Tex., says: party measures, but say that they are ready to make the fight and lot the bloody shirt cry again be raised in Congress. These Re-The first genuine "norther" of the season made itself felt this morning, and the weather has been growing colder ever since 6 A. M., the mercury falling 27° in 24 will not raise the cry of the South against

> COULDN'T KEEP THE CHOIR QUIET, So a Young Preacher Abruptly Dis His Congregation.

The New England Congressman already SEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. quoted, says that in his opinion this session AUBURN, N. Y., December 29,-When vill witness the most bitter and prolonged the congregation of the First Presbyterian sectional and party fight that has been on in | Church of this city, was seen coming from Congress since the amnesty law was passed, the church at 11:30 o'clock this morningand that the prospects are that, no matter half an hour after the time for the morning service to commence—many wondered at the cause of the abort service, how long the session may be, very little Those who were in the church speedily explained the matter. The pastor, Rev. William H. Hubbard, had publicly rebuked the members of the choir for laughing and otherwise misbehaving themselves while the service was in progress, The subjects of the tariff and the election law will keep both Houses stirred up to the highest pitch of excitement, and little other This Congressman is very emphatic in his

This Congressman is very emphatic in his belief that in order to avoid participating the big fight, the Republicans will not make the attempt to adopt new rules.

HIS LATEST MISTAKE,

The President Sheets a Heg White Out Duck Hunting—Speculating is Washington as to What He Teek It For.

[PROM A STAFF COMMESTONDENT]

WASHINGTON, December 29—The entire sporting portion of Washington, and that is very large, is in a broad smile over the brief of giving an cyster supper to all the boys in themselves while the service was in progress, and when they continued with their frivolity he suddienly paused in the midst of his serven, glanced toward the choir gallery, where the singers were amusing themselves, and abruptly dismissed the congregation. Mr. Hubbard was so overcome by his feelings that tears stood in his eyes.

The congregation of this church includes some of the wealthlest people in the city, and the incident has caused a great sensation in church circles. Mr. Hubbard is a young man, and has been pastor of the church about two years. He is a tircless worker, an eloquent preacher and a genial, whole-souled man. He conceived man in the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued with their frivolity he suddienly paused in the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued with their frivolity he suddienly paused in the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued with their frivolity he suddienly paused in the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued with the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued with the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued with the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued in the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued in the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued in the midst of his service was in progress, and when they continued in the midst of his services. of giving an cyster supper to all the boys in the city between the ages of 7 and 17, and this was done in his church two weeks ago, very large, is in a broad smile over the brief mention in the morning papers of the Capital, of the ludicrous mistake of the 1,400 boys being present. His method of dealing with the choir was stinging as well President of the United States, who has made a conspicuous reputation as a sports-man, in shooting and killing a hog in

PEW HEBREW ANARCHISTS. A New York Rubbi Tella of \$120,000

Raised to Elevate the Fow. INPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR .: NEW YORK, December 29,-The Rev. Dr. Kaufman Kohler, Rabbi of Bethel Synssoveral times larger than any coon, and, more than that, that it was not up a tree, gogue, said to-day that there is no fear of anarchistic principles spreading among the Hebrews. He said that the leaders of all such movements as this were men who had been born under the rule of the Russian his assertion that the hog was not up a tree.

A phase of the story that sounds more plausible is, the President thought the hog was a deer, and it is whispered that this version is preferred at the White House, but as no deer, either wild or tame, has been seen or heard of for long years in the local-Cuar, and whose natures have become so sodden in ignorance and oppression that they have not yet been able to receive the broader acutiments inculcated by a residence in a free land.

free land.

"It was with the purpose of educating these very people that the Hebrew Educational Fair was recently given in the American Institute was suggested. The fair produced something like \$120,000, and this money will be devoted to founding industrial and technical schools, and with better prospects before them, their minds will become pure and stronger."

utilion among the sportamen; and it is said that a committee of a sportamen's club, of which the President has been elected an honorary member, has been appointed to go to the hunting grounds which were the scene of the porcine exploit, and sift the affair to the bottom. VA" CREN BAKER'S CASE. It is reported that Wooten, the colored another Los / Writer Claims That He Was man who owned the pig, has been re-quested to prepare the latter for a New Year roast at the White House, as something Innocent of the Murder.

SPECIAL PRESSURAN TO THE DISPATCH. WHERLING, December 29 .- The Register the President dares to "set up" when the to-morrow will print another sensational letter bearing on the Van B. Baker murder case. The letter is from a town in Eastern Ohio, and the writer details a conversation BREETS, December 29 .- The Hamburger he had with a railroad man just after the Correspondent says it has reason to believe

Correspondent says it has reason to believe that I sub military credits will be asked by the Gercrament from the Reichstag.

The Emperor Backtag a Lettery,
BRELIN, December 29.—Emperor William has ratified the Schloss Freiheit lottery scheme. There will be 200,000 tickets at 200 marks each.

AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Looked Upon With Considerable Favor by Employers of Labor.

SOME WILLING FOR SIX HOURS. President Gompars Pleased With the Out-This address has been signed by nearly all HE TRINKS THE MOVE WILL BE A GO. So Far He Has Heard Bot One Discordant Note From

Senator Sherman, of Ohio, wrote as fol-

ing from an adjoining room, occupied by their three sisters and three little brothers. They ran to the partition door and found the room a mass of flames. Smoke and fire were ascending the stairway and the boys escaped by jumping through a window. They reached the ground seriously cut by glass, and in a semi-nude condition. One attempted to enter the house on the ground floor, where the father, mother and two children slept, but was driven back by the flames that enveloped the building. It was impossible for the spectators, who quickly gathered, to save the immates. They were compelled to stand by and hear their agonising cries.

In the rourse of three hours a searching party went over the ruins and discovered the charred remains of the II bodies, distinguishable only by the size of the bones. They were gathered in a sleigh box and deposited in the public half. The victima were: Theodore Cross, aged 57; his wife, aged 44; Catharine, John, Toney, Mary, Lizzie, Joseph, Michael, Lenie—all children of Mr. and Mrs. Cross, and Lena Erbst, of Lake Linden, a guest. The ages of the young people range from 2 to 22 years. There is no reliable information as to how the fire started. Theodore Cross, Jr., Honor to Mr. Gladstone. He has acted well his part in every stage of his long, conspicuous, public life. His name and fame are cherished in every divilized land, and in none with a higher and more kindly appreciation than in the United States of America.

JOHN SHERMAN. Speaker Reed refused to sign the address to Mr. Gladstone.

to how the fire started. Theodore Cross, Jr., says that it might have originated from the lamp that he supposed he extinguished before he went to bed. There are rumors that the dreadful calamity occurred through the Handreds of Colored People Leaving Alas hama for Other Southern States-A Great Scheme for Railroads and Planters.

> BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 29 .-Hundreds of negroes are leaving this region for Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. The sudden exodus is largely due to the efforts of a few intelligent colored men who are supposed to be the paid agents of planters in the Mississippi bottoms, or of a railroad company. These men mixed among the ignorant negro laborers and distributed the following circular:

"I am of the opinion, and so is every one of the Executive Council, that in a new country like the United States we will meet with little opposition in bringing about a shorter work day. I am of the opinion that it is only the workingmen who now work long hours, and who are shaky as to the success of any effort to shorten the work day, that oppose us. Why, I have found day, that oppose us. Why, I have found employers of thousands of men that are auxious to help forward any shortening of the hours of labor, if we only make it general. One employer writes: I am willing to work only six hours a day, and would glasty to only his hours a day, and would glasly do
so were it not for the fact of the great composition in our trade at certain seasons of the
year. In very few businesses it is possible
to work continuously the whole year round.
You just go shead and get your eight-hour
workday into shipshape and everybody will
think better of the workingmen in the long THE SCONERS TAVE TO GO. Residents of the Okinhama Country Mad at Too Previous Settlers. REPRESAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. PHILADELPHIA, December 29 .- Ex-City

Marshal John J. Leary, of Guthrie, in the run. "There is a belief that the action of the Oklahoma country, has come to visit his convention on the eight-hour question was a backdown from its former position," was mother at 838 North Twelfth street. He will remain during the holidays. Marshal Leary has had a varied experience in the

time in California and the new State of Montana. He was one of the first to enter the Oklahoma country on the day when it was legally opened by the President's proclamation, and thinks that the stormiest days of the new country are yet to come. In conversation with a reporter Mr. Leary said:

I am going back in a few weeks, because I want to be there for the spring elections. There will be trouble then, sure. The legitimate settlers are determined to rout out what they term the "sconers." A "sconer" is any man who came into the district and occupied hand before noon on the day on which the President's proclamation opened the country. They have virtually pre-empted the choicest traces, and the people are determined that they shall be turned out.

"I canot see that anyone can consistently any that," Mr. Gompers replied. "The convention in 1888, at St. Louis, decided to agitation purpose only. Now that it is approaching near the culmination of the agitation, and the day set for the realisation of our hopes, we have set about making arrangements as to what shall be done toward making a complete success of our work. It was settled by the convention that the Executive Council shall pick out the trades that shall insist upon an eight-hour work day upon May I. It is not to be supposed that with our present experiments are determined that they shall be turned out. "I canot see that anyone can consistently country, through the press, that we wanted an eight-hour work day, and when May 1 country, through the press, that we wanted an eight-hour work day, and when May I came let all the workingmen leave their employment, pell mell. It would result in anarchy. We have been taught by experience that it is much better to begin meckly. We are a meek and humble folk, anyway, and it ill becomes us to assume grand aira. It seems that when we do, confusion follows

SOMETHING OF THE PLAN. 'It is proposed that we start out with one business, and have that well worked into the eight-hour work day, and then start with another. It has been said that it was more than likely that the Executive Committee would pitch upon the building trades rol, was put in his place. He received his to begin with. I do not know for sure what commission yesterday. It is said that this the Executive Council will do. In some place is worth \$2,000. cities now men in the building line work only eight hours and some nine hours, and generally, of all working men they have the shortest hours. It is expected now to kind of level them up. Perhaps the Executive Council may settle upon the working men in the building line. There are many unions of them in the Federation; they have little effect upon general trade, and would be a great eard, if successful, to the Federation. Whatever we do, the public will be certain to suffer little."

'What amount of opposition will other of Inc unions make?" was asked. ALL AT BEA YET. "There we are all at sea. It depends 'There we are all at sea. It depends largely, I think, upon the attention the public gives us in the next few months. We're bound to experience the hostility of certain kinds of labor organizations. I don't know but that this may be a help to us. It certainly will, should the employers meet our demand in anything like the way I hope they will from their letters and talk. If there is resistance, it may depend upon our leaders as to much to expect that a lered. It is too much to expect that a change of so much real importance to the welfare of mankind should not be opposed. "It has been said that you have the mos radical of workingmen among your mem

and consumption of beef. The committees will begin work at once.

Senator Manderson, of the Meat Transportation Committee, said that they would endeavor to ascertain why beef costs so little on the hoof and so much to the consumer. The witnesses to be examined will be taken from the men engaged in the shipping and exportation of beef and beef products. "Well, most of the workingmen have some good reasons for belonging to them, else they would not go on year after year paying their money. The officers of the Federation do not know anything as to their Federation do not know anything as to their individual opinions, whether or not it is to turn Mr. Harrison out of the White House and put Mr. Sergius Schevitsch in as a dispenser of supplies. We shall simply insist upon their contract with us, that they shall work for the eight-hour work day. We know what we want, and we hope to get it. Unluckily in past movements, good or lad, what the warking must his knowledge was help the workingmon this knowledge was

> Austria Suspicious of a Neighboy. Rome, December 29,-The Austrian Government will reinferos its staff of weret agents in Italy watching the Irredentists.

GRIPMEN IN A SNARL

Thrilling Bit of Renliem on a St. Louis Stage-Manager Mouroe Slashes a Good Looking Young Mem-Some Employes of the Pittsburg Traction Road Discharged

Sz. Louis, December 29.-A thrilling it of realism in the throat-cutting line AS MEMBERS OF LABOR UNIONS. which was enacted on the stage of the

Men Brought From Chicago to Help Out

Should a Strike Occur.

which was enacted on the stage of the People's Theater, last night, was precipitated by a woman. J. J. Raffael, the victim, played the part of Jack Tryzer, in "My Aunt Bridget." Mr. Raffael, who is quite 1200d looking, came with the company about 15 weeks ago. At that time Mrs. Monroe, wite of Manager Robert Monroe, was also a member of the company, and played an opposite part to Jack Tryzer.

Mrs. Monroe, so the story goes, became so infatuated with Raffael that re-SUPT. DAVIS TALKS FOR THE BOAD. He Claims the Men Tried to Coerce Others to Join

The indications are good for a strike on the Pittsburg Traction Road. Some eight or nine men were discharged, ostensibly because they belonged to a labor union, and men have been brought from Chicago to take their places. Both gripmen and conductors are excited, and a strike is immi-

Their Organization.

President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, talks hopefully of the attempt to inaugurate an eight-hour working day, next May. He doesn't know what branch of trade will be chosen to begin with. Thinks it will be the building trades. Mr. Gompers is receiving many latters from employers, favering a shorter work-day.

***PRECIAL TRILEGMAN TO THE DISPATCH:**
NEW YORK, December 29.—The bead-quarters of the American Federation of Labor is wisited daily by representatives of labor organizations seeking alliance with this new and powerful combination of working men. The offices are in one, of the oldest buildings in Clinton place. Its front doors are dilapidated and broken, and its floors are not over clean. An employment agency for women, a tailor shop, and a magic hair restorer share the building with the American Federation of Labor. The President, Sam Gompers, is assisted daily by a secretary who has been associated with him for menty years. His accretary is a Sootchman, and is popular with working discharged and popular with working discharged and provided to send him wife home, about three eweeks ago, and another lady was selected for the part. About two weeks ago Monroe gave Raffuel notice that his services with the company were not needed longer than last night. Nothing that would indicate trouble was noticed by other members of the company were not needed longer than last night. Nothing that would indicate trouble was noticed by other members of the company were not needed longer than last night. Nothing that would indicate trouble was noticed by other members of the company were not needed longer than last night. Nothing that would indicate trouble was noticed by other members of the company were not needed longer than last night. Nothing that would indicate trouble was noticed by other members of the company were not needed longer than last night. Nothing that would indicate trouble was noticed by other members of the company was usual, until last night. After completing the repertoire, Raffael walked back From the indications last evening a strike among the gripmen and conductors em-ployed on the Pittsburg Traction Company's line will take place this morning. Five gripmen and eight conductors were discharged yesterday morning for joining the Knights of Labor. The company have brought 13 or 14 men from Chicago to run their cars in the event of a strike taking place. They are experienced gripmen, and, with the help of the officers of the company, President Elkins expects to continue run-ning the cars as if nothing had taken place. Messrs. P. A. B. Widener and W. L. El-kins, of Philadelphia, who are the principal by a secretary who has been associated wath him for many years. His secretary is a dispensary and 25 stitches put in the terdispensary and 25 stitches put in th owners of the line, arrived in the city from the East this morning. They will also lend executive aid to defeat the attempts of the men to bring the others out.

A meeting of all the conductors and gripmen on the road was called yesterday to be held in Edmunds' Hall, on Liberty avenue, near Forty-fifth street. The men are organized into the Knights of Labor. Organiser John Hughes, of D. A. No. 3, formed the men into a local assembly last Thursday night a week. They held two meetings when the matter was conveyed to the officials of

the company.

The latter have been cognizant for months that an attempt was being made to organize the men. They said nothing on the ground that it was none of their business, and the men had a right to organize a union if they chose to do so. Chief Engineer and Superintendent E. W. Davis says he did not Decker, of Irwin, mysteriously disappeared, and while every effort was made by his family and friends, no clew of the lost boy was found until a few days ago, when the family received word from Brinton that a young man answering the description was interfere until the men who were back of the movement tried to force others into the picked up there. The boy was slightly demented, and could give no account of himself. When the mother arrived she organization. He then called a halt and discharged eight of them yesterday. THE MEN SOUNDED.

The officials claim they found that all the new men they were trying to put on were sounded as to their union principles. If a man was turned over to an experienced gripman to be taught the business, if he refused to go into the union, he was reported as being a man who could not be taught how ailed to recognize in the boy her son, but The mark on his chin and foot received in childhood were there, but the boy, she said, looked much older than hers. She took him to her home, but there the mystery despened.

Friends and neighbors are equally divided as to his identity. The case has created intense excitement in that neighborhood, and hundreds of people have visited the Decker home to get a glimpse of the unfortunate boy. The boy has shown some traits characteristic of the missing boy, yet a great many of the citizens of the town who have known the Decker boy since childhood insist that he is not the missing lad, while others are considers that he is.

The poor mother, whose grief has been almost unbearable since her son's disappearance, watches with the boy for hours in the hope that she may see in him her long lost ohild.

WORK OF PREHISTORIC MAN.

December 29.—News a present as the index of the day of the country of the other in the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says to run a car. As a natural consequence the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says that if the man would promise the experienced gripman that he would go into the union, then he would go into the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says that if the man would promise the experienced gripman that he would go into the union, then he would go into the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says that if the man would promise the experienced gripman that he would go into the union, then he would go into the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says that if the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says that if the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says that if the man would not be hired. Mr. Day is says that if the man would promise the experienced gripman that he would go into the union, then he would not be hired Mr. Several o leepened.
Friends and neighbors are equally divided Evidences of a Long-Forgotten Age Found

and the other half at night. One hour and 10 minutes is about the usual time for making a round trip.

Chief Engineer Davis, of the company, said: "We did not care whether our men organized or not, but we did not want our men forced into an organization they did not desire to join. We have about 60 gripmen and a larger number of conductors.

most remarkable prehistoric fortification in the United States. It is seven or eight miles MANY ARE SATISFIED. eastward from Houtzdale, and is located near the headwaters of the Moshannon, and "A great many of them are satisfied with their positions, and do not want to join any union. They get better treatment on this burrows into the mountain side. A growth of timber indicates its antiquity. It is a line than any other in the city. The consenicircular wall, possibly 800 feet in diductors and gripmen get \$2 25 per day, while on the Penn avenue line the former while on the Penn avente line the former get but \$2. Our gripmen, also, are not required to purchase uniforms as they are on the other road. We allow the men a layover at Cakland to eat their meals. We have never had any trouble, and do not propose to have any. We promote the men as they become efficient, and the majority of them are satisfied with the company. If a general strike takes place we will have enough men to run the cars. Our first duty is to accommodate the public, and we propose do it. We will start our cars at the usual time to-morrow morning, and will run on the regular schedule. I do not think we will have any trouble. All the officers of the O'Dells were staked some distance from the camp. The brothers sprang to their arms, and met the demand for surrender with the sharp crack of their guns.

The posse was comparatively well sheltered, but the criminals fought it out in the open. The combat lasted some minutes. Will O'Dell was the first to go down, with a bullet through the lungs. As he fell and rolled over he was struck in the head and instantly killed. His brother had an arm broken, but continued in some way to use his rifle with one hand until struck a half dozen times, when he ameter, about eight feet high and built of stone, evidently transported from a ledge covered with a curious cement of a composi-tion unknown to local chemists. The ma-sonry is of a most artistic order, and indiand period wholly unknown to the present generation.
Commencing near the ruined wall and gotten age. They number some aix or eight in all, and despite the work of vandals, are yet distinctly marked, some of them being from six to eight feet high.

the company are able to run cars themselves, and we will take care of our patrons."

The men who were discharged confessed that they were in the union movement. There arrived in the city yesterday marn-ing, on the fast line from the West, 13 men who were flannel shirts and workingmen's who wore flannel shirts and workingmen's clothes. They were all clean shaven. They went to the Seventh Avenue Hotel and asked for special rates for the party. The clerk asked them who they were. They told him that it made no difference who they were; they wanted rooms. It is decidedly an unusual thing for men wearing flannel shirts to stop at the Seventh Avenue. That hotel is patronized by millionaires, politicians who are in the push, drummers and honeymoon tourists who don't care anything about money. The 13 men were accommodated with rooms. Each man wanted a room alone, and they were given 13 rooms in a

It was hardly contemplated that any import ant action would be taken by the committee until the first part of the coming year. No conference has been held by the members yet, row, from 342 to 354. conference has been held by the members yet, although a meeting will doubtless be held before a great while. I think Chairman Faulke, of Indiana, will come East some time in January and it is probable that we will assemble at that time. The general scheme of the movement is for the purpose of furnishing information of every kind tending to show the people the beneficial character of civil service reform. We will certainly find some things which need correction, and we expect to find much to attest the fact that civil service reform is highly beneficial in its nature to the public at large. As soon as the people understand this it is our expectation that they will not allow the movement to be crippled for means to sustain its action, but that they will provide it with the sinews of war. A MYSTERIOUS CROWD. The party was under the charge of a man whose name appears on the register as O. H. Burbridge. He had started to write his first initial as J, then changed his mind and wrote O. He is a large man, wearing a and wrote C. He is a large man, wearing a slouch hat, a woolen shirt and heavy dark mustache. The other men were registered as follows, all by one haud: E. E. Elisworth, J. Dolan, A. E. Sherman, R. J. Baymond, C. Munsell, A. E. Clark, G. Johnson, T. Jones, L. Merritt, H. L. Wilson, William Mairtans and W. Smith. The blank space for the address was left vacant opposite each

During the forenoon a committee from the During the forence a committee from the gripmen on the Fifth avenue line-visited the hotel, and attempted to interview several of the mysterious strangers. They could not learn anything as to their mission. It was reported that the men had been brought from Chicago to take the places of gripmen who had been discharged from the service of the Pittsburg Traction Company's line. This conceans is owned by the Wide. line. This company is owned by the Wide ner-Elkins syndicate, of Philadelphia, which also owns the Northside and West-

who fired a shot at him. The bullet wounded him in the neck, partially daving him, when the burglar effected his escape. Stedifeder's wound is not dangerous. This afternoon the police arrested Albert Malaer, a former employe of Stedifeder, who confeased that it was be who did the shooting. He said he had hid himself in the cellar and had turned off the gas, thinking that Stedifeder would come down to see what the matter was, when Maiser would shoot him. If Stedifeder failed to come down, Maiser intended to lura the gas-ou sgalu and sufformed to the stedifeder of the said of t which also owns the Aorthado and West-aide cable lines in Chicago.

The strangers were approached during the afternoon by several reporters, but they would yield absolutely no information, not being willing to tell even whence they

ONE EMPLOYE TALKS,

The men on the Citizens' sare organized, and some of the men of the men of the men of them. I heard swhit the company had brought new of the Citizens'.

Later in the evening teman who is registered as O. H. But the case asked whence he and his party of their business, but he replied, "I as not talking." Previous to goin the left word to have himself at called at 5 o'clock this morning.

For some time past the employer is a not talking. Traction Company has quietly effecting an organization with the Muights of Labor. The matter has been kept quiet, but not sufficiently so to prevent the names of some of the newly organized men from becoming known, so leading to their dismissal.

ABOUT TRACTION ROADS. The President of the Chicago Roads Makes

W. L. Yerkes, President of the Chicago raction roads, stretched his limbs on the platform at the Union depot last night while the limited was being made up. Speaking of the Chicago roads, he said that they were in very good condition and yielding a satisfactory return. He said that the Westajde men were organized, but that the Northside men were not. They had been organized in the Knights of Labor previous to the strike, but had fallen apart at that time and never regained their strength.

Eleven and a half hours constituted a day's work. His company had subscribed \$150,000 to the World's Fair, 2 per cent of which it had paid down. The rest was ready when wanted. Mr. Yerkes knew nothing of the difficulty on the Pittsburg Traction line, and was not aware that a party of 13 Chicago atform at the Union depot last night

and was not aware that a party of 13 Chicago gripmen were then in Pittaburg.

TERRIBLE TUSSLE

Of a Buckeye Farmer With an Infuriated Bull-The Remarkable Manner in Which the Animal Was Finally Worsted. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.;

DELPHOS, O., December 29 .- A farmer amed Willis Moore, living near Evansville, a small station 13 miles north of here on the T., St. L. & K. C. R. R., had a terrible encounter with a mad bull, which came

ble encounter with a mad bull, which came very near costing him his life, and can be best described in his own words:

"I have always considered Old Joe, as I called him, perfectly gentle, and Friday morning, as I was passing through the lot, paid no attention to his approach until I was struck by the animal and thrown violently to the ground. When I attempted to rise the bull was full upon me endeavoring to gore me, and to prevent this I threw myself upon my back, and at the anne time grasping the animal by the horns, endeavored to keep my body between them. In this way

stabbing him just back of the foreigns in the region of the heart, but in this I was folled, for I could only free one hand at a time, being compelled to hold on with the other to prevent being gored. I was losing strength rapidly, and knew if help did not soon arrive I must give up in descript rive I must give up in despair.
"I concluded to make one more effort.

URALDA, TEX., December 29 .- News has been received here of a desperate encounter in the Bad Lands, the result of a recent raid. Three years ago the O'Dell brothers. Tom and William were outlawed. One of them was wanted for horse theft and the other for murder. They were occasionally heard of, but the several attempts to capture them resulted in nothing. The pursuers were generally outridden and maneuvered. A week ago the State rangers obtained information of the whereabouts of the O'Della. Deputy Sheriff Thomas Perry summoned a posse of citizens. The party, numbering ten men, ran into the camp of the fugitives a little after sunrise. The horses of the O'Dells were staked some

in some way to use his rifle with one hand until struck a half dozen times, when he turned to fice. A ball through the shoulder and another which shattered his spine stopped him. He lived but a moment.

ROMANCE OF A MURDER. An Italian Killed by the Lover Whom He Had Supplanted.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, December 29,-For hours t day a young Italian girl stood at a window on the fourth floor of the big tenement at 191 Mulberry street, and watched McCullum's undertaking shop across the way, and the curious crowd of Italians, men, women and children who hung about the door. In a back room of the shop lay the body of Vincenzo Perretto, the musician who was shot dead in the blaze of Grand street lights last night. The girl at the window was his wife, having been married to him by a civil ceremony at the city hall, less than a month ago. According to the stories which Perretto's neighbors tell, it was on account of this girl that the lead between Perretto and Aptonio San Marco, bis murderer, arose. San Marco, who is a stonecutter by trade, was betrothed to the girl over two years ago, and one night he brought his friend, Perretto, around to call. The girl transferred her affections to Per-retto, who was much the better looking of the two men. The friends quarreled after

San Marco was arraigned before Justice O'Reilly, at the Tombs Court, this morning. He looks like the typical Italian, his hair and mustache being bloude. Albert C. Hart testified that he saw San Marco shoot

VERY MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

A Man Tells His Name and Immediately Geta n Butlat.

ATLANTA, December 20.-James E. Woodward died in this city this evening. Thursday night Woodward, who is a wellknown business man, was walking out Marietta street, when somebody stepped in front of him and asked if he was Jim Woodward. He answered in the affirmative

A man in the employ of the Pittsburg matter was, when Maiser would shoot him. If Stedifeder failed to come down, Maiser intended to turn the garou again and sufficient the sate that amily. Maiser acknowledged that he sateriaised bitter hatred against Stedifeder on account of derogatory statements he had made against him while in his employ.

A man in the employ of the Pittsburg and the man pushed a pistoi to Woodward's breast and fired. Woodward walked to his sister's house, a mile or more away, and to discharged this told the story as here given. He treated the manties had the story as here given. He treated the matter lightly and it was thought be would get well, but a relapse to-day brought death-factor of the strike about three years ago.

THE GRAND OLD MAN Warmly Congratulated Upon Reaching His Eightleth Birthday.

THREE CENTS

AMERICA, AUSTRALIA AND INDIA

All Sent Tokens of Regard to the Great Liberal Leader.

EMPEROR WILLIAM BACKING A LOTTERT

The German Military Strength Wil be Still Further

Gladsione was 80 years old yesterday. He celebrated the anniversary very quietly, out was the recipient of many con tory messages from all parts of the world. Mr. Sexton intimates that the Queen will get into trouble if she ever attempts to veto a home rule bill.

LONDON, December 29.-The eightleth anniversary of Mr. Gladstone's birth absorbed so much attention as to make of this quiet Sabbath a day of national remem-brance. Telegrams and letters of congratulation and admiration poured into Haward-en from all quarters of England, but literally from all parts of the world, many coming from Australia, America and India.
All the members of the Gladstone family branches were gathered at Hawarden to meet and greet their eminest kinsman. The church attended by Mr. Gladstone was crowded at the morning service, and a large throng remained outside, nnable to gain

Mr. Gladstone took his usual part in the Mr. Gladstone took his usual part in the service, reading the lessons, and said a few words of devout thankfulness for the hissings of health and friendship. The scene was such as Shakespeare might have had in mind describing the ideal old age surrounded by troops of friends, showing love, honor and obedience. Besides those who might have been expected to send congratuations. lations as a matter of course—personal friends and political admirers—many conributed whose offering of remem Among those may be mentioned the Countess Tolstoi, the Speaker of the House of Commons, and a number of prominent Unionists.

A remark by Mr. Sexton at his farewell

banquet in Dublin last night has caused some comment in political circles. In toastupon my back, and at the same time grasping the animal by the horns, endeavored to keep my body between them. In this way my feet and legs were badly trampled upon. Once in my effort to change my position I was struck in the mouth by the animal's horns, breaking off all my front teenth.

"I thought of my knife as having a long blade and with it I would kill the brute by stabbing him just back of the foreigns in the region of the heart, but in this I was foiled, for I could only free one hand at a time, beher prerogative by negativing the will of the people as expressed through Parlia-mentary enactment in favor of Irish self-rule.

POLITICS IN INDIA

The Mohammedans and Other Natives Propose to Take a Hand-

BOMBAY, December 29 .- The native Congress at its final meeting confirmed the resolutions previously adopted and appointed a committee to press its views upon the En-glish people. The Mohammedan delegates asked for time to consult their co-religiouists on certain questions. It was decided to hold the next congress in Bengal in 1890. There will be a reduced representation, as

There will be a reduced representation, as the congress just terminated was found to be of unwieldy dimensions. The delegates separated with obsers for the Queen.

Mr. Bradlaugh, who has attended the sessions of the congress, received a number of addresses at a reception gives by him in the evening. There were about 6,000 persons present. Mr. Bradlaugh promised to bring up Indian matters in Parliament at the earliest possible moment.

EXPLORER STANLEY IN COURT. He Makes a Direct Charge of Treachery Against Tippoo Tib.

ZANZIBAR, December 29 .- The Circuit Court has heard the evidence of Mr. Stanley and Lieutenant Bonny in the Emin Relief committee action against Tippeo Tib. They testified that Tippoo Tib' broke his contract with a view of obtaining all the stores and ammunition belonging to the expedition, and that Tippoo Tib's nephew executed some natives who were trying to re-victual the expedition, thus causing the high rate of mortality among Stanley's fol-

They also accuse Tinpoo Tib of providing 430 Manyamas in June, 1888, with the ulterior object of deserting Stanley. The court ordered Tippoo Tib's agent to retain the £10,000 damages claimed by the reliaf committee. Surgeon Parke is improving.

POPULAR IN PORTUGAL,

The New King Received by the People With Manifestations of Joy.

LISBON, December 29 .- The cer attending the proclaiming of Dom Carlos as King of Portugal was continued to-day. The King and Queen, accompanied by Archduke Eugene of Austria and a brilliant suite, reviewed the garrison. All of the foreign diplomatic representatives were present. The people received the King and Queen with every token of sympathy and

In the evening a state banquet was given in the palace. Two hundred guests were present. The Downger Queen remained in usion during the day.

BELGIUM WITHOUT COAL

The Strike Causes Even the Government Run Short of Fuel. LONDON, December 29.- There is a cor

ous shortage of coal in Belgium, owing the labor troubles in the mining region Manufacturing interests are beginning suffer and even the Government is unabl to obtain its usual supply of fuel.

The singular spectacle is likely to be witnessed of the government of a coal peoducing country sending abroad for its coal

CUTTING DOWN THE POPULATION.

Dr. Peters, the German Adventurer, in Hill ing Some of the Africana. BERLIN, December 29.-Dr. Pet African explorer, in his letter dated Kenis October 8, recently received by his broth-

after stating that he had killed a naily chieftain, says he had defeated the Gallac and captured their harvest. He express fears of conflicts with the Somalis. A TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Will be Established at Liege to Check th Growth of Socialism. LONDON, December 29. - A

hool is being founded at Lings by Phil sonks at which 1,000 boys can be acc dated. The object is to furnish meeling training with such religious accompanies as, it is hoped, will check the groof Socialism among the industrial class.